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SUBJECT: GEPLACEA MEETING IN HAVANA

1. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS OF MARCH 8, RODOLFO QUIROS, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE GEPLACEA MEETING IN HAVANA THAT THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES HAD AGREED TO REQUEST A SYSTEM OF QUOTAS AND A MINIMUM PRICE OF 15 CENTS A POUND AT THE APRIL MEETING IN GENEVA TO WORK OUT A NEW SUGAR AGREEMENT.

2. QUIROS EXPLAINED THAT THE GEPLACEA COUNTRIES HAD AGREED THAT THE MINIMUM PRICE OF SUGAR SHOULD COVER COSTS AND PROVIDE A PROFIT USEFUL FOR DEVELOPMENT. A SYSTEM OF EXPORT QUOTAS BASED BOTH ON HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND ON ACTUAL PRODUCTION CAPABILITY WOULD BE USED TO MAINTAIN THE PRICE OF SUGAR WITHIN A PRICE INTERVAL RANGING FROM THE MINIMUM PRICE NEGOTIATED IN GENEVA TO A PRICE FROM 50 TO 100 PERCENT ABOVE THE MINIMUM (I.E., FROM 22.5 TO 30 CENTS IN THE CASE OF THE 15 CENT MINIMUM PRICE).

3. QUIROS ALSO SAID THAT PRICES NEGOTIATED WITHIN THE AGREEMENT COULD BE CHANGED BASED ON THE INFLATION RATE WITHIN CONSUMING COUNTRIES AND ON THE DOLLAR PARITY OF THEIR CURRENCIES. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT EXPLAIN HOW THIS MECHANISM WOULD WORK.

4. FINALLY, QUIROS SAID THAT THE GEPLACEA COUNTRIES HAD ALSO AGREED TO ASSIST SMALL PRODUCERS -- LIKE COSTA RICA -- AND TO EXCHANGE TECHNICAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON MEANS TO CONTROL SUGAR CANE RUST FUNGUS. KILDAY

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